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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 4, 2007 and is accompanied by a request for a three-month extension of time for responding.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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